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THURSDAY EVE, FEB. 7, 1889.

WEDNESDAY, February 13th, the two  
houses of Congress will meet in joint  
session to count the electoral votes for  
president and vice-president, and to  
declare the result.

Why should there be so much trouble  
in the selection of a head for the treasury  
department? There are scores of men in  
every state who are good enough financial  
men to manage the treasury—men who  
have had successful experience in the  
management of mammoth financial opera-  
tions. A country merchant or a cross-  
roads lawyer would be repelled at the  
thought of assuming such responsibility  
but there are plenty of men who could  
think as calmly and intelligently in a  
case involving hundreds of millions as  
though it dealt with only hundreds of  
dollars. The operations of the United  
States treasury are governed by law, and  
there are enough men who could manage  
them.

The West Virginia legislature is in a  
peculiar fix—it is the Democratic  
members of that body. The time having  
come to open and canvass the vote for  
governor the Democrats had to find some  
plan for suppressing the canvass, be-  
cause they know that if the vote was  
opened and read it would elect Gen.  
Goff, and so the reading of the returns  
was stopped by a motion to adjourn,  
after the votes of several counties had  
been opened and read. The Democrats  
are much demoralized, and they will be  
compelled to resort to some desperate  
measure to prevent the formal declara-  
tion of Goff's election. Meantime the  
senatorial muddle is becoming more and  
more mixed. The Democratic kickers  
declare that they will never vote for  
Kenna, and the only possible way out of  
the dilemma seems to be for them to  
give their votes to the Labor candidate,  
as they did in the vote for president of  
the senate.

The Clayton Murder.  
The Little Rock Gazette, the chief  
Democratic paper of the state of Arkansas,  
does not believe that John M. Clay-  
ton was murdered by some irresponsible  
creature, hired to do the bloody work. It  
says:

Some poor devil must have been hired  
to fire the fatal shot but that is equally  
likely.

The authors of that hellish deed are not  
those who live in that community; who still  
daily mingle with the fellow-citizens who  
wear the badge of responsibility; who  
may have been in the crowd that in  
the gray of the morning viewed the victim of  
assassination as he lay crimsoned with  
his own blood; who were in the midst of  
the large assemblage gathered at the  
station when the corpse was taken away;  
and, who, in trembling tones, with ashen  
faces, told the tale of the work of  
devastation, and sadly deplored the  
deed that has discredited their community  
and startled the nation. They are, there-  
—very men of them. Not one has left.  
Not one has departed from his daily  
hours; for one and all know that for the  
present at least the path of safety is  
found only in braveness and in fol-  
lowing the tide of public opinion.

They do not shrink from the task of  
avenging the death of their class in  
that little community. They are, there-  
—the butchers, seeking places in

the bushes, seeking places in

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—A—  
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THE DOG AND THE SHADOW

A dog, seeing a shadow in the water, saw his shadow in the water, and took for that of another dog, with a paws of meat double his own size. He therefore leapt own, and fiercely attacked the other dog, to get his larger piece from him. He then leapt back. —*Top o' Puddin'*

IT ALWAYS PAYS to hold on to a good thing. People who have tried Santa Claus Soap hold on to it because it is good. Some may think that because there are other Soaps that give more in bulk for the money, that they are cheaper, but such bulk is made up with rosin. When quality is sacrificed for quantity, such soap is not cheap at any price. Santa Claus Soap is the best, and is sold by all grocers. It is made only by N. K. FAIRBANK & CO., Chicago, Ill.

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

## Called Meeting.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, 1st  
COUNTY OF MACON.

The Board of Supervisors of Macau County, State of Illinois, met at the Court House in the city of Decatur pursuant to the following call:

To George P. Hardy, County Clerk.  
You are hereby requested to call a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Macau County, State of Illinois, to meet on Thursday, the 31st day of January, 1889, at the Court House in the City of Decatur at two o'clock p.m. and day, to consider the question of making an appropriation for the purpose of fitting up the Fair Grounds in a suitable manner for the State Fair. And any other business connected with the Fair Grounds that may come before the Board.

(Signed) John H. Miller, South Wheatland.

H. K. May, Decatur.

Hiram Johnson, Decatur.

J. W. Butman, Decatur.

H. Mancee, Oakley.

I. R. Hogan, Decatur.

E. E. Peavy, Austin.

J. A. Merriweather, Decatur.

C. Ammann, Decatur.

E. R. Moffett, Blue Mound.

L. F. Houck, Harrisburg.

Decatur, Ill., Jan. 24, A. D. 1889.

Present—A. Batchelder, Brown, Butman, Freedland, Hanes, Houck, Johnson, Jones, Leavitt, Macau, May, Merriweather, Miller, Moffett, Montgomery, McClure, Peavy, Hogan, Smith and Wacker.

The Board proceeded to business. Hon. Thos. N. Leavitt, Chairman; George P. Hardy, Clerk.

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